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# July 11 - Shannon Beach Closed

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By Joyce Westner

July 11, 2023. Updated on July 12. Once again, the state is warnin[illegible] not to swim in the Upper Mystic Lake's Shannon Beach, due to a [illegible] exceedance." The popular beach, with a newly rebuilt bath house, is

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Winchester's only public swimming place but recent heavy rains have increased the runoff from storm water runoff. The Mystic Valley Watershed Association has been working for several years to improve the water quality and lower the amount of Enterococcus or *E. coli*, both of which can sicken people and pets alike. For more information, see the state's report at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/current-public-beach-postings (Photo courtesy of the Mystic Valley Watershed Association.)

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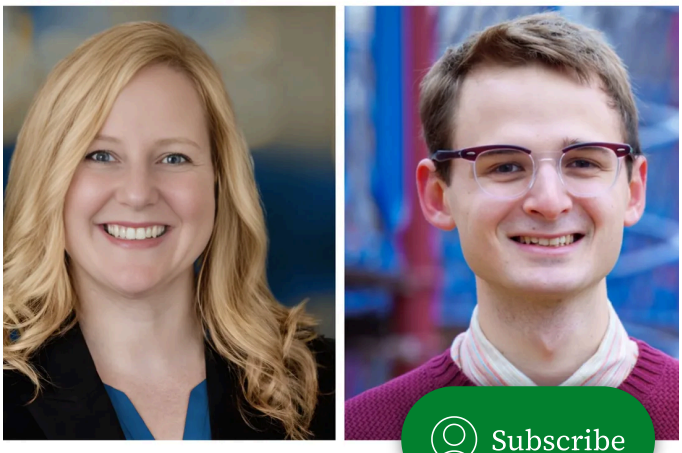

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## 'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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## Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

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